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Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Patent Application for "A Modular Connector for Fountains"

Serial No.:

09/864,539

File Date:

May 23, 2000

Our File No.:

112558-1004

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced U.S. patent application, please find the following:

- (1) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
- (2) Response to Missing Parts;
- (3) Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (4) Check in the amount of \$65.00; and
- (5) Return Postcard.

Please file the above documents and return the file-stamped postcard to our offices.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions, please call me.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the papers listed below and attached hereto are being deposited with the United States Postal

Service via First Class Mail service under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 on the date indicated above and addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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A MODULAR CONNECTOR FOR FOUNTAINS

BOX MISSING PARTS

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed July 24, 2001 a copy of which is returned herewith, Applicant respectfully submits this response.

Declaration and Power of Attorney

As required by the Notice of Missing Parts of Application, Applicant hereby encloses a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the inventor, John M. Walker.

Required Fees

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge claiming Small Entity status. Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that no additional fees are due in excess of the enclosed check. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 07-0153.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all required parts for the application have now been filed and that no additional fees are required.

Respectfully submitted,

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